

Dear Federal Communications Commission,

I am very concerned that our air waves are being used for partisan purposes during this hotly contested presidential campaign. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of this AND the dangers of media consolidation. If a program is accepted for airing that is biased, the opposite viewpoint should also be aired to give balanced information to the listening public.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.